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TAGS: PINT, PFOR, CH

SUBJECT: MAO FUNERAL CEREMONIES

1. WITH THE APPARENT COMPLETION SEPTEMBER 14 OF FOREIGNERS PARTICIPATION IN THE PEKING MOURNING ACTIVITIES, CHINESE CONTINUE TO MASS IN TIEN AN MEN SQUARE AND PASS SLOWLY BEFORE CHAIRMAN MAO'S REMAINS. FOREIGN RESIDENT TECHNICIANS AND A NUMBER OF VISITING BUSINESSMEN WERE GIVEN OPPORTUNITY TO VIEW MAO'S BODY TUESDAY MORNING, BUT FROM NOW ON IT APPEARS FUNERAL WILL BE ENTIRELY CHINESE AFFAIR. SEVERAL NEWSMEN AND DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS HAVE BEEN TOLD THAT ONLY CHINESE WOULD BE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE IN MASSIVE FUNERAL RALLY SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 18 IN TIEN AN MEN SQUARE.

2. PRC MEDIA ARE COMPLETELY DOMINATED BY ACCOUNTS OF FUNERAL ACTIVITIES AND DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN REACTIONS TO MAO'S DEATH. TUESDAY NIGHT TV FILM OF MOURNERS IN GREAT HALL INCLUDED FOR THE FIRST TIME SOUND OF THEIR SOBBING AND WAILING,  
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ADDING TO EMOTIONAL IMPACT.

3. PEOPLE'S DAILY SEPTEMBER 14 CARRIES TEXT OF PRESIDENT'S  
CONDOLENCE MESSAGE TO HUA KUO-FENG IN LOWER RIGHT CORNER  
OF PAGE 7. (THE FIRST PAGE IN THIS ISSUE THAT DEVOTED TO FOREIGN  
GOVERNMENTS' MESSAGES).  
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